

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Presently Amended) A method of using a computer to instruct a student to learn the English language comprising the steps of:

a) configuring a software program with a plurality of English sentences, each English sentence being entered by the steps of:

i) parsing the English sentence into a plurality of predefined English sentence parts;

ii) entering each of said predefined English sentence parts into a corresponding input field of a computer program user interface; wherein the computer program is adapted to:

display each input field for each sentence entered and

concatenate the plurality of input fields to provide a resultant English sentence field for display to a user;

b) presenting the student with [[the]] a user interface of the software program, the software program configured to allow the student to select any of the input fields with an input device;

c) the student selecting a desired input field for a desired sentence entry;

d) displaying to the student in a display field of the user interface the entirety of the sentence part contained by the selected input field;

e) displaying to the student in a sentence display field the concatenated sentence parts obtained from each of the input field for the selected sentence.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the software program is a spreadsheet program, and wherein each input field is a cell in the spreadsheet.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the predefined English sentence parts comprise a subject, a predicate, an object, a condition, and a pre-subject.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein a sentence phrase, comprised of two or more sentence parts, is assembled by the software program and displayed on a display field for viewing by the student.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of
for each input field, calculating the number of occurrences of each different sentence part input thereto,

the student selecting an input field, and displaying the calculation results for the input field selected by the student.

6. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the subject sentence parts are classified into a classification, the classification comprising:

people (p),

things (t),

abstract words (a),

pronouns (r), or

interrogative.

7. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the predicate sentence parts are classified into a classification, the classification comprising:

verb as an existence of a subject (b),

verb for action (v),

adjective to express a state of a subject (j),

people (p),

things (t),

abstract words (a), or

pronouns (r).

8. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the object sentence parts are classified into a classification, the classification comprising:

people (p),

things (t),

abstract words (a),

pronouns (r), or

object complement ~~such as~~ including a verb , an adjective, a noun or a pronoun.

9. (Presently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the condition sentence parts are classified into a classification, the classification comprising:

place (wr),

time (wn),

reason (wy),

method (hw),

if (if),

~~by, with, for and so on~~ a preposition.

10. (Presently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the pre-subject sentence parts are classified into a classification, the classification comprising:

there is/ here is (there),

interjection (int),

adverb word, phrase, or clause (adv),

conjunction (conj),

relative pronoun (rp),

interrogative words (wh), or

auxiliary verb (ax).

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the software program is further configured with store a visual aid file in a field associated with each sentence entered, the visual aid file having substantive content related to the subject matter of the associated sentence.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the visual aid files comprise a static image file.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the visual aid files comprise an animated image file.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the student views the visual aid file as part of learning the associated sentence.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the software program is further configured with store an audio aid file in a field associated with each sentence entered, the audio aid file having substantive content related to the subject matter of the associated sentence.

16. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the student listens to the audio aid file as part of learning the associated sentence.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the software program is further configured with store a comment file in a field associated with each sentence entered, the comment file having substantive textual content related to the subject matter of the associated sentence.

18. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of providing the student with a filter utility, the filter utility adapted to extract selected sentence entries from [[the]] a database of all sentence entries based on a filter criteria selected by the student, the filter criteria specifying a selection taken from at least one of the input fields.

19. (Original) The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of providing the student with a calculation utility, the calculation utility adapted to provide a total number of occurrences of a sentence part from an input field specified by the student.

20. (Original) An apparatus for instructing a student to learn the English language comprising:

- I) a housing suitable for being held in the hand of a student;
- II) a display screen attached to the housing
- III) computer processing means integrated within the housing, adapted to:
 - a) store a plurality of English sentences and predefined sentence parts into a plurality of input fields of a computer program;
 - b) display to the student the user interface of the software program, the software program configured to allow the student to select any of the input fields with the input means;
 - c) display to the student in a display field of the user interface the entirety of the sentence part contained by the selected input field;
 - d) display to the student in a sentence display field the concatenated sentence parts obtained from each of the input field for the selected sentence.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the software program is a spreadsheet program, and wherein each input field is a cell in the spreadsheet.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the predefined English sentence parts comprise a subject, a predicate, an object, a condition, and a pre-subject.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein a sentence phrase, comprised of two or more sentence parts, is assembled by the software program and displayed on a display field for viewing by the student.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein for each input field, the processing means calculates the number of occurrences of each different sentence part input thereto, and upon the student selecting an input field via the input means, the calculation results for the input field selected by the student is displayed on the display screen.

25. (Presently amended) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the subject sentence parts are classified into a classification, the classification comprising:

people (p),
things (t),
abstract words (a),
pronouns (r), or
interrogative (wh).

26. (Presently amended) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the predicate sentence parts are classified into a classification, the classification comprising:

verb as an existence of a subject (b),
verb for action (v),
adjective to express a state of a subject (j),
people (p),
things (t),
abstract words (a), or
pronouns (r).

27. (Presently amended) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the object sentence parts are classified into a classification, the classification comprising:

people (p),
things (t),
abstract words (a),
pronouns (r), or
object complement ~~such as~~ including a verb, an adjective, a noun or a pronoun.

28. (Presently amended) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the condition sentence parts are classified into:

place (wr),

time (wn),

reason (wy),

method (hw),

~~if (if), with, by, for and so on~~ a preposition.

29. (Presently amended) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the pre-subject sentence parts are classified into a classification, the classification comprising:

there is/ here is (there),

interjection (int),

adverb word or phrase (adv),

conjunction (conj),

relative pronoun (rp),

interrogative words (wh), or

auxiliary verb (ax).

30. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the software program is further configured to store a visual aid file in a field associated with each sentence entered, the visual aid file having substantive content related to the subject matter of the associated sentence, and wherein the visual aid file is displayed on the display screen when selected via the input means.

31. (Original) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the visual aid files comprise a static image file.

32. (Original) The apparatus of claim 30, wherein the visual aid files comprise an animated image file.

33. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the software program is further configured with store an audio aid file in a field associated with each sentence entered, the audio aid file having substantive content related to the subject matter of the associated sentence, and wherein the audio aid file is played via an audio output device associated with the housing when selected via the input means.

34. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the software program is further configured with store a comment file in a field associated with each sentence entered, the comment file having substantive textual content related to the subject matter of the associated sentence.

35. (Presently Amended) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the software program is further adapted with a filter utility, the filter utility adapted to extract selected sentence entries from [[the]]_a database of all sentence entries based on a filter criteria selected by the student, the filter criteria specifying a selection taken from at least one of the input fields.

36. (Original) The apparatus of claim 23 wherein the software program is further adapted with a calculation utility, the calculation utility adapted to provide a total number of occurrences of a sentence part from an input field specified by the student.